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Rep. Jerry Bennett Montana House of Representatives PO Box 200400 Helena, MT 59620-0400 January 25, 2013

RE: HJR8 – PLEASE OPPOSE Rep. White's Resolution!

Dear Chairperson Bennett,

As an owner of a Conoco gas station and Ace Hardware business in Seeley Lake, I am extremely concerned with the dwindling opportunity to support the economic base of our essential timber industry. The lack of timber sales and the financial troubles that exist today, has produced a real fear for the future of a thriving timber industry in the State of Montana. In my home town, timber is the foundation of a stable and historic economy based on our forest resources. Seeley residents and others across the State need an opportunity that opens lands to timber harvest. This is absolutely essential to our well being.

The Forest Jobs and Recreation Act is an amazing collaborative effort that has allowed compromise and historical foes to agree on a balanced and creative Act, stabilizing the use of forest resources. JOBS is part of the name and an important motivating factor to keep our communities healthy. We need such collaborative solutions and I strongly urge you to support the FJRA. The collaboration has the support of diverse interests and they have agreed to its balanced approach. A healthy balance of forest use and a real solution to timber industry support, all contained in an Act that comes from the grassroots is a win- win for all. Please endorse and support the Forest Jobs and Recreation Act. I have seen nothing that compares in producing creative solutions and has such wide and diverse support.

Your support of the FJRA will reflect the best collaborative effort that is a remarkable testimony to the tradition of finding solutions and allowing compromise to benefit all. Please help create strong forest jobs, encourage local economies to grow, and support maintaining a healthy balance in our forests one of the State's greatest resources.<u>OPPOSE REPRESENTATIVE WHITE'S HJR 8</u>

Thank you for your dedication to Montana,

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